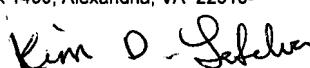


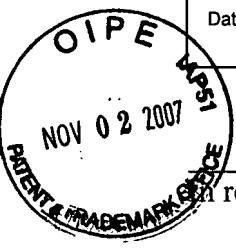
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Dear Sir:

This RCE Submission is filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed on October 18, 2007, in connection with the above application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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